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FOR DELEGATE IN CONGRESS—
SAMUEL PARKER.

FOR SENATORS—

HENRY WATERHOUSE,
GEORGE R. CARTER,
CLARENCE L. CRABBE,
CECIL BROWN,
W. C. ACHI,
FRANK PAHA.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES—

L. L. MCANDREWS,
J. L. KAULUKOU,
ENOCH JOHNSON,
JOHN LANE,
H. R. HITCHCOCK,
W. J. COELHO,
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JONAH KUMALAE.

For contentment in life get a job as plumbing inspector at \$150 per month and see the plumbers who do the job you order, collect \$150 per day for their services. That is the reason the unselfish and conscientious Mr. Duffy always looks so much at peace with the world.

Republican politics in the hands of the right people always rouse enthusiasm among the voters of Hawaii. Last night's rally was a veritable outpouring of citizens, the largest, the most impressive and enthusiastic political gathering ever seen in these Islands; and the speeches, as a rule, were worthy of the occasion and of the party cause.

You can't buy a leather washer in this town to stick in your faucet. That is, you can't unless you are a member of the plumbing trust. The experience of the Palama school teacher, reported elsewhere, is a most instructive object lesson in the way the trust makes a five cent job, which a man can do for himself, worth five dollars to one of its enrolled bandits.

Who is Prince David? What did he ever do for Hawaii? What hold has he on the natives? He is not an Alii in any historical sense; he is not royal by descent, but as a matter of convenience to the Kalakaua dynasty; he has never been in public life, save for a visit to the Kansas City convention. Prince David is simply a well-dressed, sporty young man who would find obscurity in Congress and be able to do nothing for his constituents.

E. C. Rowe and John Emmeluth take the places of J. O. Carter and E. C. Macfarlane on the Independent ticket. Mr. Rowe is a painter and naturally wants a show for his trade when, if ever, the Independents begin to paint things red. As for Mr. Emmeluth it is understood that some more plumbing laws are needed and that, if he reaches the Legislature, Honolulu will cease to envy the ice man and increase its admiration for the haughty Croesus with a lead pipe cinch.

Will the Queen come out in a public letter favoring the candidacy of Prince David? On Wednesday her personal adviser, Mr. Carter, thought not but on Thursday he was inclined to hedge. We take it for granted, therefore, that the former sovereign is debating the wisdom of a course that would carry her again into the dusty arena of Isli and politics. How she will finally act can only be told by those who have had exceptional success in foreseeing the ultimate goal of a woman's, and especially a Royal woman's, fancy.

I want to be a plumber
And with the plumbers stand,
My cheek both big and brassy,
And a bill within my hand.

I want to cinch the people
And do them to a turn,
For then I shall have money
To blow right in and burn.

Oh let me be a plumber
And washbowls I'll install,
That cost two hundred dollars
And last from spring to fall.

Oh give me leather washers;
The public then I'll fleece
By sticking 'em in faucets
At dollars five apiece.

I want to be a plumber
And then in five months more
I'll build a stately mansion
On Oahu's palm-fringed shore.

Since the truth has come out about the plumbers' trust, candidates Crabbe and Gillilan may not relish the endorsement they got on Wednesday from the Journeymen Plumbers' Association. Their Democratic opponents will be likely to charge that they have agreed, in return for the plumber vote, to stand for some of the legislation behind which the trust hopes to entrench itself. Without wishing to catch them as two forehead papers did George R. Carter the other day on the municipal issue, an Advertiser would suggest, as a means of keeping the Republican legislative ticket from developing weakness in an unexpected place, that Messrs. Crabbe and Gillilan promptly disavow any compromising pledge with an Association which, for good cause, is drawing the fire of indignant citizens on every street in town.

Since talking with a reporter of the Advertiser on the probable refusal of the Queen to endorse Prince David, J. O. Carter seems to have seen a great light in the direction of Washington Place. He writes the Star as follows:

Editor Star: The statement in an interview with me published in the Advertiser of this morning hardly expressed my views correctly. In answer to the reported rumor that the Queen had furnished Prince David with a letter endorsing his candidacy as a Delegate, I said it was extremely improbable. My reason for saying so was because in my opinion the Queen would refrain from expressing a preference in order to avoid any misunderstanding of her views on political issues; unless conditions may arise that will make it imperative for her to speak in the interests of her people.

J. O. CARTER.

"Unless conditions may arise" is good. Has the Queen hinted to Mr. Carter since his interview with our stenographic reporter that she does not agree with his ideas of "extreme improbability"?

THE TRUST AND THE REMEDY.

The pretence upon which the plumbers' combine organized was sanitary; the actual object was to rule out the cheap, independent journeyman plumbers, white and Asiatic, and put the householders, who had been already required by law to make connections between their dwellings and the mains, at the mercy of a rapacious trust.

As things stand, if a man wants to put in his own plumbing or to give the job to an independent workman, he cannot buy a foot of pipe or any other similar article in this city. Such goods are only sold to the members of the combine. Then the householder, compelled by law to have plumbing done, must forego the idea of doing the work himself, must deal with the trust and must pay any price that is asked; and the price is from five to fifty times more than it ought to be. Talk about a "lead pipe cinch." Why everything the funny men ever wrote about opulent and haughty plumbers is coming true.

What is to be done? Of course the repeal of the plumbing regulations in their present form will help the public to fight the trust though it is plain that the sanitation of the city cannot be imperilled by anything like a long return to the cesspool system. What is wanted is competition in the sale of plumbing supplies and the advent of plumbers who do not belong to the general American combine which is based upon a trust agreement signed at Baltimore. Competition is not easy to get owing to the fact that most of the big supply houses of the Coast are in the ring but as not all of them are, there is a chance, which will be taken, to get plumbing material delivered here to any retail buyer. The Advertiser is pleased to announce, as the result of its agitation, that supplies are about to be sent for and will probably be on sale here within a month.

Another step may be taken. Last year the San Francisco Chronicle editorially attacked the coal trust of that city as a conspiracy in restraint of trade. A lawyer, wanting to make a reputation, took the case of a small independent dealer who had been refused coal supplies by the wholesale combine, and carried it to the Federal Court. The fact that the original coal supplies came from outside the State was proven to have been an infraction, on the conspiracy side, of the Inter State Commerce Act. The coal trust made a tremendous fight but it was beaten, its combine was smashed and big fines were levied. As we recall the coal trust's offence it was directly parallel with that of the joint plumbing combine of California and Hawaii and may be defeated in the same way. All that is needed is some one to bring the matter before the Federal Judge of this Territory or before the next Federal Grand Jury.

THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.

The Queen's Hospital needs money and ought to have it. At the same time the institution is badly placed and is so utterly out of date in the matter of its buildings and equipment as to deprive it of some of that interested public sympathy which might get help for it from the Legislature.

If it is possible to sell the land where the hospital is now placed enough money might be realized from it to build a modern structure for which the Government could perhaps be induced to donate a site on some of its high lands where such a hospital ought to go. Down on the low levels where a breeze rarely stirs the leaves of the too-numerous shade trees, where rain does not run off the ground, and where heat, humidity and mosquitoes abound is a wretched place for a hospital. Of course in the old days when the high ground was not accessible and when the Beretania and Punchbowl neighborhood was not shut out from the breezes, there was an excuse for choosing that site. There may have been other strong reasons. As things are now the hills are in touch with the city through a fine road system and rapid transit is on the way. A site somewhere back of the Makiki reservoir or on the Punchbowl slope would be ideal. The objection of distance from the center of the city might be met by having a small receiving hospital down town for emergency cases. At any rate the move to a better site and the acquisition of proper buildings ought to be made providing the charter of the Queen's Hospital will permit the necessary transfer of old realty. If not it is quite in order to have a new hospital under other auspices.

FLAG AND CONSTITUTION.

We hesitate at the door of the court where Judges Humphreys and Galbraith lately declared that the Constitution follows the flag, but will venture, when they are not looking, to tack up these two dissenting opinions on the same subject. One of them was written by Daniel Webster, the great expounder of American organic law; the other by Thomas H. Benton of Missouri, who was thirty years in the United States Senate.

First comes the opinion of Mr. Webster: It seems to be taken for granted that the right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus and every principle designed to protect personal liberty, is extended by force of the Constitution itself over every new Territory. That proposition can not be maintained at all. How do you arrive at it by any reasoning or deduction? It can only be arrived at by the loosest of all possible construction. It is said that this must be so, else the right of habeas corpus would be lost. Undoubtedly these rights must be conferred by law before they can be enjoyed in a Territory. * * * When new territory has been acquired it has always been subject to the laws of Congress, to such laws as Congress thought proper to pass for its immediate government, for its government during its Territorial existence, during the preparatory state in which it was to remain until it was ready to come into the Union as one of the family of States.

The judgment of Senator Benton up-

on the issue which Judges Galbraith and Humphreys have raised in the local courts, is as follows:

A new dogma was invented to fit the case—that of the transmigration of the Constitution (the slavery part of it) into the Territories—overriding and overruling all the anti-slavery laws that it found there and planting the institution there under its own wing, and maintaining it beyond the power of eradication either by Congress or the people of the Territory. Before this dogma was proclaimed efforts were made to get the Constitution extended to these Territories by act of Congress; failing in these attempts, the difficulty was leaped over by boldly assuming that the Constitution went of itself—that is to say, the slavery part of it. History cannot class higher as a vagary of a diseased imagination this imputed self-acting and self-extension of the Constitution. The Constitution does nothing of itself. Every part of it requires a law to put it into operation. No part of it can reach a Territory unless imparted to it by act of Congress.

It will be seen that these opinions are explicit and that they recognize not only a lawful transition period between the acquisition of new Territory and its time of coming into the United States, but deny that the holding of the Stars and Stripes over regions as yet unorganized by Act of Congress establishes the right of trial by jury. As the jury issue is now before the Federal Court of Hawaii the citations given above, backed as they are by many Supreme Court decisions, may be justly regarded as foreshadowing the judicial attitude of, at least, the court of final resort.

Unless somebody wants to bring an action on his own account in the Federal Court to break up the plumbing trust the aid of the Federal Grand Jury may be invoked. A conspiracy or combination in restraint of trade such as the California-Hawaii plumbing combine assuredly is, is contrary to the United States law and offenders against it have been severely punished. Every time a local dealer refuses to sell plumbing goods to any corner and does so because of an agreement entered into with the California-Hawaii trust, he exposes himself to fine or imprisonment or both. As Honolulu is waking up to the robbery by the plumbers and is likely to get ugly over it, it is a wise dealer who stands from under in time. Otherwise he may find himself in the same hole with the San Francisco coal combine.

The people of Hawaii will do well to make up their minds that so far as Japan is concerned the fire claims will be paid, if not by the local government, then by virtue of a demand on Federal authority.—Bulletin.

Why not see if the law will not compel the insurance companies to pay the biggest half? Is the Bulletin anxious to take the burden from them and put it on the taxpayers?

AMONG THE INDEPENDENTS

J. O. CARTER and E. C. Macfarlane are out.

John Emmeluth is in. The Independent Party fired the venerable Carter and the dapper Macfarlane and inserted the plumbing Emmeluth in place of one, J. K. Paele, whose head was sacrificed for the benefit of the head of the local lead pipe and spigot trust.

The Independent Party came to the conclusion yesterday that it would take no "monkeying" from Carter and Macfarlane and that firing them now would be trouble saved in the future.

Carter and Macfarlane offended by attending the Democratic meeting a few nights ago and speaking from the stage in favor of Democracy.

Carter especially earned the dislike of the Independents by talking for Prince David.

Now the Independents hate David even more than they do Sam Parker. They reason that David being an Alii has done the haoles more damage than even Parker, for Parker was always an educated, traveled Hawaiian and had interests with the haoles but David, say the fanatics, will split their tanks in twain and ensure the election of the Republican candidate, Parker.

Yesterday morning the Independent clique held a meeting in its squalid rooms on Bethel street and took up the question of dismissing Carter and Macfarlane. D. Kalaokalani was chairman and George Markham secretary of the meeting. George, who is a bricklayer, has given up work lately and with the money contributed by John Emmeluth and others is living in Easy street, where pig and Honeysuckle trot together.

Immediately a vote was taken on the expulsion of the Independent ticket of Carter and Macfarlane. Unanimously the pair were fired. Quinn, the hackman and haole-hater, was one of the fiercest in denouncing Carter and Macfarlane.

George Markham was appointed a committee of one to notify them and he addressed them letters to that effect yesterday afternoon. Macfarlane when asked as to the text of the letter he received said that he did not think it proper to make it public until he had replied.

E. C. Rowe, a painter, was chosen for the Senate to succeed Carter, and Solomon Meheula, for the House. Rowe was sworn in as a nominee shortly afterward.

J. K. Paele, one of the Representative candidates, was also kicked out by the committee yesterday. John Emmeluth took his place. John will give up more money and it is said has already loosened up considerably.

Paele, it is alleged, is a Republican at heart and loves the party of McKinley and Parker. It is said that he wore a Republican badge one day and was seen with it on his coat. But others say that the mercenary leaders of the Independents forced Paele out to admit Plumber Emmeluth who has more "dough."

Haloia, a member of the Independent Party will run for a Representative at the coming election independently from the nominations of his own party. He was one of the delegates to the last convention of that party. His name was proposed as one of the candidates, but failed to get sufficient vote for a nomination. He thinks that he should have had the preference of the delegation as he was a member of the Kalaiala Society and of the Kuokoa at present instead of James Quinn.

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